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SUBJ: SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS

1. CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR LIANG FENG WAS ASKED BY SRI LANKAN CHARGE MARCH 16
FOR ASSESSMENT OF WANG PING-NAN VISIT TO INDIA. AFTER
SOME REFLECTION LIANG SAID, "ANY IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN CHINA AND INDIA WILL BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO
SRI LANKA IN HELPING KEEP THE HEGEMONISTS AWAY FROM THAT
PART OF THE WORLD."

2. LIANG WAS UNWILLING TO EXPAND ON THIS PRONOUNCEMENT.
CHARGE COULD ONLY CONJECTURE THAT PERHAPS THIS MEANT THAT WANG
HAD ACTUALLY TAKEN SOMETHING ELSE TO INDIA BESIDES INVITATION
TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE AND THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME
BASIS FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS BEYOND BENIGN EXPRESSIONS OF
FRIENDSHIP.
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